

COT – TMN

Board of Directors Meeting

January 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 3:04 pm

In attendance: Card Dodson, Jerry Krampota, Mary Helen Israel, Ed Barrios, Justina Dent, Neal McLain, Rich Tillman, Ruby Lewis, Gerald Forrest, Carolyn Schlein, Jerry Eppner, Dave Brandes, Laura Brandes, Sandy Henderson, Connie Stolte

1. Presidents Report

- There were 11,040 volunteer hours turned in this year. There are 140 members or 78.9 hours/member. However only about half of the members submitted hours so that is 158 hours/active member.
- C Dodson is concerned about only half of our members either doing any volunteer work or not turning in hours. This topic will be discussed at future meetings.
- We have done a good job of providing training for the members that was requested via surveys.
- Rich and Sandra's retirement: R Tillman and C Dodson to work with Corrie Bowen to get an inbox for COT until Sandra gets replaced.
- C Dodson has concerns with publicity for getting new members. More discussion at future meetings.

2. Vice President Report

- Programs: Johnney Pollan has a new presentation on Karankawa Indians for Jan. Carlos Bográn from TAMU to talk about bees in Feb. Dr. Landry to talk about turtles in March. Sherri Etie to talk about rehabbing birds in April. Phil Huxford is also putting program but hasn't decided on topic yet. C Schlein to contact GCBO to see about giving a hawk program.

3. Treasurer Report: S Henderson report the account balance is \$5,640.89

4. Training Director Report

- L Brandes reported 100% certification of interns that graduated in 2009. Currently there are 6 continuing from last year. Recruitment is biggest tool. Last year development of the program took 114.5 hours and coordinating and nurturing the program, including nurturing, took

161 hours. Goal this year is to increase membership enrollment but L Brandes needs help on publicity.

- A/V Equipment: Still need to research a video camera. Need to record training sessions for interns. C Dodson to buy equipment.

5. Membership Director Report

- J Eppner asked questions about some intern status and will revise the roster he has recently sent out. Also the 2010 recordkeeping spreadsheet is on the website and continue to encourage members to submit hours.

6. State Directors Report

- E Barrios reported that 5 new chapters in the state are either just started training or are in the process of organizing. Michelle Haggerty and Sonny Arnold, State Coordinators, are working on changing the State advisory board this year. Also they would like to reinstate the regional meetings among chapters. They used to be a good forum to exchange successes and issues among chapters. Finally E Barrios is promoting that TMN-COT be placed on the agenda at the State Meeting to present the new format we have developed for intern training. The State Meeting is October 22-24 at T bar M Ranch Resort in New Braunfels.

7. Outreach Chair

- R. Lewis reported Sea Center Day is coming up February 27th.
- Recruitment – 7 activities for a total of 12 days, most recruitment occurred at the volunteer fair at the Mall.

8. Volunteer Service: G. Forrest asked which projects should be submitted for approval. He had questions about the policy where all projects from partners are approved unless they are in the “do not count” list provided by the State. It was discussed that citizen science projects require that data be submitted.

9. Chapter Host: J Krampota will send out request to bring snacks for the general meetings.

10. Webmaster: N McLain asked for input on volunteer opportunities and to update the list that is currently on the web.

11. Whatever:

- D Brandes moved to accept the committee chairs that were nominated, E Barrios seconded. Motion passed.
- C Schlein volunteered to organize another chapter social like the Hog Wild party sometime in the spring timeframe.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.